गयी है कि 8233 इंदौर-बिलासपुर एक्सप्रेस को निर्धारित समयक्रम के अनुसार चलाया जाये।

Disparity in road length

3509. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States and Union Territories having more road length than the National average;

(b) what are the reasons for wide disparity, if any in relation to area and population of the States;

(c) whether Government have prepared any plan to remove the imbalances; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The Central Govt. is primarily responsible for roads declared as National Highways only, and other roads are essentially the responsibility of the concerned State Govts. As far as National Highways are concerned, 12 States and Union Territories are having a higher kilometrage than the national average when compared in terms of area as well as population.

(b) to (d) Declaration of roads as new National Highways is done keeping in view the traffic/economic requirements of the country as a whole and not on the basis of any consideration of area, State, region or population.

Maintenance and repair of National Highways in Bihar

3510. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the condition of all the National Highways passing through Bihar is very pathetic;

(b) whether it is also a fact that National Highway No. 31 is totally damaged and potholes have developed so much so that driving on the road has become hazardous particulary from Bihar Sarif to Nawadah;

(c) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government for the upkeep of National Highways;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) National Highways passing through Bihar are being kept generally in traffic-worthy condition within the availability of funds. On National Highway No. 31 from Bihar Sharif to Nawadah, improvement works and special repairs etc. have been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 26.506 lakhs during the last two years.

(c) to (e) Development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuing process subject to availability of resources. During the last 3 years (1989-90 to 1991-92), flood damage/ special repair works costing Rs. 669.969 lakhs and improvement works costing Rs. 6431.050 lakhs have been sanctioned for various National Highways in Bihar, in addition to release of normal maintenance grant.

Publicity about bus services in Delhi

3511. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the routes where Greenlines, Red Lines and White Line services of DTC and State Transport Authority operating in Delhi;

(b) whether Government propose to give wide publicity about the details of these services, especially regarding their starting and destination points, for the benefit of the commuters;

(c) whether any of the above services is operating from Keshavpuram (Lawrence Road) area to the Central Secretariat and Palika Kendra and from Keshavpuram to Mall Road Delhi University and ISBT: and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government propose to start those services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Whever any route is introduced or curtailed or diverted, due publicity is given through mass media. For the information of the general travelling public, DTC has published route guides which are available at all Pass Sections and important Terminals. The STA Delhi, have invited from the general public suggestions for strengthening of the existing routes/starting of new routes.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The STA bus route No. 605 Keshavpuram to Palika Kendra is operating on this route. The details in respect of DTC are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

Statement

Routes Operating From Keshav Puram (Lawrence Road) to Kendriya Terminal/Palika Kendra/Mall Road/Delhi University and I.S.B.T.

Sl. No.	Route No.	Origin	Destination	Area covered	No. of buses
1	2	3		4	5
1.	14	Keshav Puram A-I-Shaheed Bhagat Singh (T)		Wazirpur JJ Colony, Karol Bagh, C. Place, I.T.O.	1
2.	16	Shalimar Bagh-Palika Kendra		Keshav Puram, Karol Bagh, Kendriya Terminal	4
3.	93	Rampura (Community Centre) Railway Station		Keshav Puram, Kishan Ganj, I.S.B.T.	5
4.	99	Keshav Puram-Ambedkar Stadium (T)		Shastri Nagar, Karol Bagh, Ajmeri Gate	6
5.	168	Ashok Vihar Phase II-Kendriya Terminal		Keshav Puram, Karampura (T), Pusa Road	2
6.	247	Krishna Vihar -I.S.B.T.		Keshav Puram, Kishan Ganj, New Courts	4
7.	912	Raja Garden-Mukherji Nagar Bandh		Keshav Ruram, Shakti Nagar, Maurice Nagar	7
8.	913	Punjabi Bagh Extn.-Balak Ram Hospital		Keshav Puram, Shakti Nagar, Maurice Nagar, Mall Road	6
9.	920	Keshav Puram-Palika Kendra		Punjabi Bagh (T), Patel Nagar, Kend. Terminal	2
10.	945	Keshav Puram-Safdar Jang Hospital		Karol Bagh, Palika Kendra, Udyog Bhavan., JLN Stdm.	2
11.	973	Keshav Puram-Palika Kendra		Moti Nagar, Patel Nagar, Kendriya Terminal	2
12.	Sharmik Seva	G.T.B. Nagar-G.T.B. Nagar		Maurice Nagar, Keshav Puram, Madipur, Rohini	8
13.	GL-16	Shalimar Bagh-Palika Kendra		Keshav Puram, Karol Bagh, Connaught Place	8

1	2	3	4	5
14.	GL-19	Keshav Puram-Pragati Maidan	Sarai Rohilla, Pahar Ganj, Connaught Place, I.T.O.	3
15.	GL-93	Saraswati Vihar-New Delhi Railway Station-2	Keshav Puram, Karol Bagh, Pahar Ganj, Con. Place.	4

Stopping of heavy traffic on Maharaja Naharsingh Marg

3512. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharaja Naharsingh Marg adjoining several pockets of Lawrence Road (Keshavpuram, Kanai Nagar, Tri Nagar) in Delhi is not wide enough and there is continuous and heavy flow of traffic on that road during day time; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any steps to stop the running of trucks and lorries on that road from 6 A.M. to 9 P.M. for safety of the public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Maharaja Naharsingh Marg is wide enough having 6 lanes and a central verge throughout. However, there is a heavy rush of vehicles on this road which is mainly due to construction of Ashok Vihar fly over.

There is no proposal under Government's consideration to stop the running of trucks and lorries on the road from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

पथकर का समाप्त किया जाना

3513. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार पथकर को समाप्त करने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार स्थानीय निकायों को आय का कौन सा वैकल्पिक जरिया उपलब्ध कराना चाहती है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर): (क) इस मामले पर राज्य सरकारों द्वारा निर्णय लिया जाना है।

(ख) और (ग) उपर्युक्त (क) के उत्तर को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Free travel facility to ex-Servicemen and freedom fighters in DTC Buses

3514. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to issue free pass facilities to Ex-servicemen, widow of Ex-servicemen and freedom fighters in D.T.C. buses on K M. route basis;

(b) what are the other States providing this facility;

(c) by when the above facility is proposed to be extended; and

(d) if answer to part (c) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There is no proposal under Government's consideration to issue free pass facilities to ex-servicemen, widow of ex-servicemen in DTC buses. Freedom fighters of Delhi already have this facility.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) Due to severe financial constraints, it is not possible to extend the free pass facility to ex-servicemen and widows of ex-servicemen.